(ख) रेलें, गाड़ियों के समयपालन में सुधार करने के लिए लगातार बेहतर प्रयास कर रही हैं इन प्रयासों में मंडल तथा मुख्यालयों स्तर पर समयपालन संबंधी दैनिक बैठकें आयोजित करना, समयपालन संबंधी विशेष अभियान चलाना, वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा मौके पर जाकर जांच करना तथा अवसंरचना यथा चल स्टॉक, रेलपथ तथा सिगनल प्रणाली आदि का सुदृढ़ीकरण करना शामिल है, इन समन्वित प्रयासों के कारण यात्री गाड़ियों का समयपालन, 1993-94 के 85.2% से सुधर कर, 1994-95 में 87.6% हो गया है।

Procurement of Wagons Through Open Tender

1178. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 3 crore was saved in 1994-95 on account of procuring wagons through open tender;

(b) whether the above amount included the actual price of steel quoted by the lowest bidder, if so, the amount involved on this item;

(c) whether Railways had subsequently supplied steel to the same bidder, if so, the rate at which it was supplied; and

(d) what was the scheduled date of delivery of wagons by the supplier selected through open tender and when were the wagons actually delivered to the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This included the price of steel quoted by the firm @ Rs. 1,94,279 per BOXN and @ Rs. 2,01,758 per BCNA wagon.

(c) Yes, Sir. Steel was supplied by charging the full procurement cost to the firm for 250 wagons @ Rs. 2,26,000 per BOXN and Rs. 2,22,154 per BCNA wagon.

(d) The delivery period quoted by the tenderer was 7 month, while that fixed by the Railway in the contract was 2 months viz., 31.3.95. Within the date 150 vehicle units (375 four wheeler units) were supplied.

Harassment by Local/Daily Passengers to Reserved Compartment Passengers

1179. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers of reserved compartment in LAP Express between Bokaro and Madras are being harassed by local, daily passengers always;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the train of such a long journey has no drinking water facility; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The correct name of the train is Alleppy Express and not LAP Express. Some complaints about entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches of this train have come to notice. Regular checks are conducted and passengers detected travelling unauthorisedly are taken up under the relevant rules of the Railway's Act, 1989. As regards drinking water, adequate drinking water arrangements have been made at the stations from which the train passes and the passengers can avail of the same at the train halting stations.

Territorial Dispute Between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1180. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the dispute regarding amalgamation of 174 Orissa villages in neighbouring State of Andhra Pradesh; and